



# Montgomery County's Agricultural Leaders Luncheon August 15, 2011

David Weitzer, Chairman  
Montgomery County  
Agricultural Advisory Committee -Update



# Montgomery County's Agricultural Advisory Committee Members Please stand

David Weitzer, **Chairman**-Farmer  
Robert Beall, V-Chair-Farmer Member  
Patrick Brown, Non Farmer Member  
Ben Allnutt, Farmer Member  
Jane Griffith Evans, Farmer Member  
David Heisler, Farmer Member  
Eddie Kuhlman, Non Farmer Member  
Woody Woodroof, Farmer Member  
J. Kelly Lewis, Farmer Member  
Tom Linthicum, Farmer Member  
Timothy McGrath, Farmer Member  
Linda Lewis, Farmer Member  
Drew Stabler, Farmer Member  
Gary Marx, Non Farmer Member  
Gene Walker, Farmer Member



# Montgomery County's Agricultural Advisory Committee

- Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Up-County Regional Services Center in Germantown
- For more information about the AAC please contact: Jeremy Criss  
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# What is The Purpose of the Agricultural Leaders Luncheon

- To Extend Thanks and Appreciation to the individuals that serve on County appointed Boards and Committees
- To Bring our Agricultural Leaders together during the Agricultural Fair to help promote the importance of Agriculture and Farming in the County
- To Exchange information with our Elected and Appointed officials

***Weitzer - AEP***

# What is the Current Status of Agriculture in Montgomery

- **Agricultural activities** occupy about one-third of Montgomery County's Land Area and the County has a very diverse agricultural industry –
- **561 farms** and 350 horticultural enterprises –
- Agriculture Produces more than **\$243 million** in economic contribution and employs more than 10,000 residents
- Montgomery County's Population 951,000 is the highest in the State-23 Counties
- Even with the Highest Population in the State of Maryland...
- Montgomery County's Production of crops is ranked mostly in the Middle
- Production of Corn 14<sup>th</sup> in the State
- Production of Soybeans 13<sup>th</sup> in the State
- Production of Wheat 11<sup>th</sup> in the State
- Production of Hay 8<sup>th</sup> in the State

# Update on the County's Deer Management and Donation Program

- A Special Thanks to Montgomery County Farm Bureau, the University of Md Extension Advisory Council and the Green Industry Assoc. for contributing \$5,000 to help fund the 2010-2011 deer donation program
- The Deer Donation Program is run by Billy Willard and Joe Brown of Patriot Land and Wildlife Management
- Please Stand Billy and Joe





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# **Agricultural Case Study**

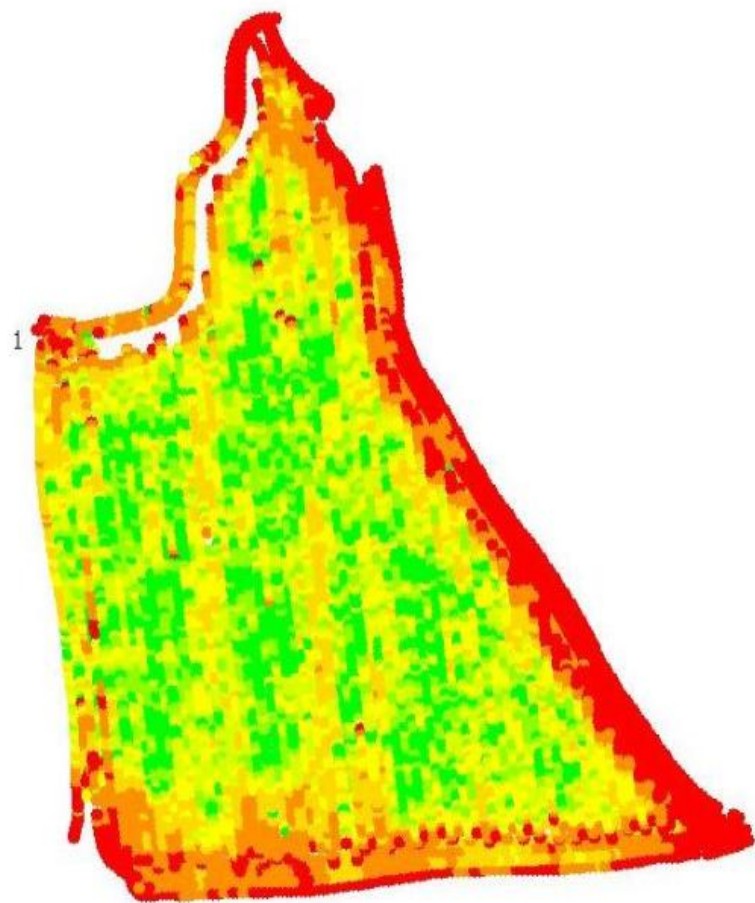
## **Crop Damage**



**Willard Farms**  
**2003, 2006, 2009**



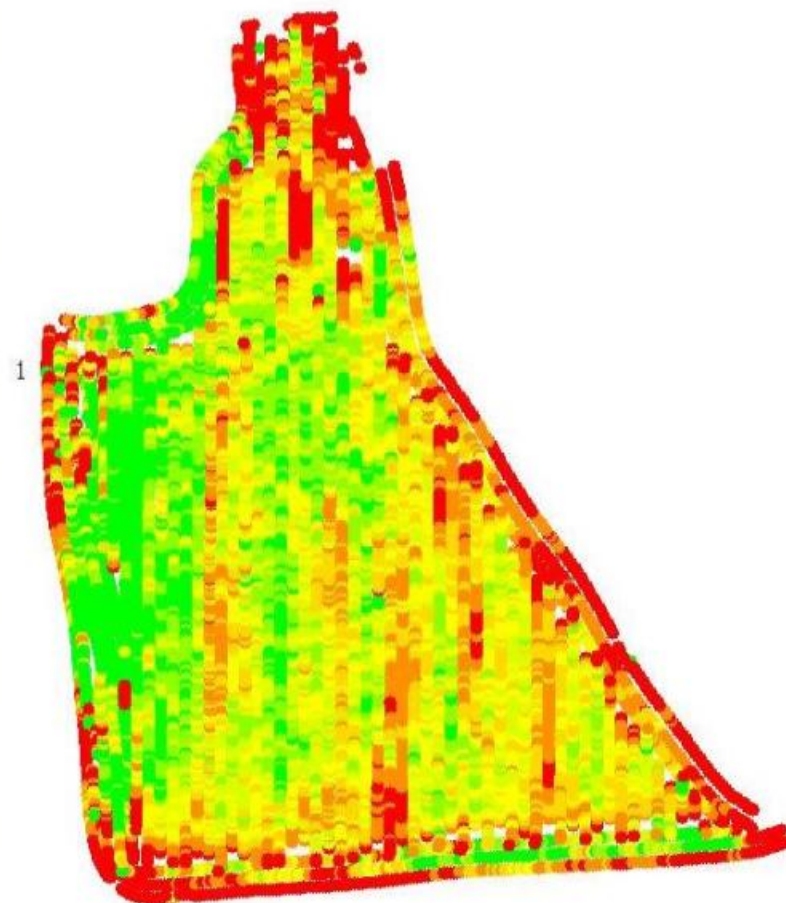
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2009



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# Donation Coolers

- Helps hunters increase their antlerless deer harvest and reduce crop damage
- Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development Agricultural Services Division
- 2 locations, Laytonsville and Poolesville, MD
- Runs from end of July until Mid-March



# Deer Donation Contest

- First started during the 2009-2010 season by Patriot LWM to increase hunter participation in the program
- Winner received a Bass Pro gift card and a membership to the Quality Deer Management Association
- In 2010-2011 the County Farm Bureau contributed \$1,000 to help promote the contest





### Montgomery County Deer Donation Program (To-Date)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Deer Donated</u>	<u>LBS. Venison</u>	<u>Forage Saved (tons)</u>	<u>Pop. Reduction Equiv.</u>
<i>2004-2005 Season</i>	39 deer	1,560 pounds	58.5	117
<i>2005-2006 Season</i>	51 deer	2,040 pounds	76.5	153
<i>2006-2007 Season</i>	85 deer	3,400 pounds	127.5	255
<i>2007-2008 Season</i>	197 deer	7,880 pounds	295.5	591
<i>2008-2009 Season</i>	150 deer	6,000 pounds	225	450
<i>2009-2010 Season</i>	304 deer	12,160 pounds	456	912
<i>2010-2011 Season</i>	401 deer	16,040 pounds	601.5	1,203
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,227 deer</b>	<b>49,080 pounds</b>	<b>1,840.5 tons</b>	<b>3,681 deer</b>

### Deer Donation Program (2010-2011)

401 deer donated

Population reduction equivalent for 2011 = up to 1,203 deer

601.5 actual tons of forage saved - - - 1804.5 potential tons of forage saved for 2011

# The End







# Questions?

